

## House Resolution 2072

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, and Channell of the 116<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Master Sergeant Lewis H. Wells, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Master Sergeant Lewis H. Wells, Jr., of Canton, Georgia, on December  
5 5, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Wells was born on September, 18, 1930, in Mecklenburg  
7 County, Virginia, and was raised on a farm before joining the United States Army to serve  
8 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty; and

9 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously protected Americans and democracy in Panama,  
10 Iran, Saudi Arabia, and with three full tours in Vietnam as a member of the 101st Airborne  
11 and the 5th Special Forces group; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Wells served with the elite Special Operations group CCN  
13 recon as a member of Special Forces for 14 years, where he was trained in Arabic,  
14 Romanian, Turkish, French, Vietnamese, and German; and

15 WHEREAS, the consummate Special Forces soldier, Master Sergeant Wells afforded his  
16 subordinates great leadership and guidance which allowed them to excel and was recognized  
17 with numerous medals and commendations, including a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with  
18 Palm, a National Defense Service Medal, a Meritorious Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam  
19 Service Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Vietnam Unit Award, a Combat Infantry  
20 Badge, an Expert Badge Rifle M-16, and a Master Parachute Badge; and

21 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from service to this nation in the military, Master Sergeant  
22 Wells became a master electrician and was an active mason and volunteer for Habitat for  
23 Humanity; and

24 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Wells was united in love and marriage for 60 wonderful years  
25 to his wife, Audrey, and was blessed with four children, four grandchildren, and one  
26 great-grandchild; and

27 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
28 for his fellow citizens, and, by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better  
29 place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Master Sergeant Wells will long be  
31 remembered for his love of country, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father,  
32 grandfather, and patriot will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Master Sergeant Lewis H.  
35 Wells, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Master  
38 Sergeant Lewis H. Wells, Jr.